



SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, November 24, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Coon Rapids City Center

Conference Room 3

Call to Order

Roll Call

Adopt Agenda

AI-3144 Minutes

Old Business

0. AI-3145 Chicken/Native plant update

New Business

0. AI-3146 2016 Planning

Other Business

Adjourn



Sustainability Commission - Regular

Meeting Date: 11/24/2015

SUBJECT: Minutes

Attachments

10/15/2015

COON RAPIDS SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2015

The October 15, 2015 meeting of the Sustainability Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Stacey Demmer at the Coon Rapids City Hall.

Sustainability Members Present: Stacey Demmer, Rebecca Holmlund, ,
Ed Dedman, Chris Backes, Marcia Baudino, Christy Lamoreaux

Members Absent: Steven Pedersen, Bob Krahn
Staff Present: Colleen Sinclair

1. ACCEPT AGENDA

MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY CHRISTY LAMOREAUX, TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY MARCIA BAUDINO, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20 SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. WORKSHOP UPDATE

OCTOBER 13, 2015 CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEMBERS MET TO DISCUSS WETHER OR NOT THE CITY SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH RESEARCH AND DRAFT FORM OF CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS, AND NATIVE GRASSES/LONG WEED ORDINANCE AMENDED. GREAT QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION WAS HELD AMUNG THE GROUP. JOAN LENZMEIER, CITY CLERK WHO IS ALSO A CHICKEN EXPERT FOR ISANTI COUNTY WAS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL. CITY COUNCIL ASKED STAFF TO CONTINUE RESEARCH AND COME BACK WITH A FIRST PHASE FOR DISCUSSION. STAFF WILL MEET IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC NEEDS TO BE PLACED WITHIN THE DRAFT THAT ALLOW FOR A SUCCESSFUL, DEEPER CITY CODE.

NATIVE GRASS/WEEDS WAS A BIT MORE DIFICULT. WITH NO CLEAR CUT IDEA OF HOW IT MIGHT WORK, WHAT SPECIES WERE ALLOWED AND HOW IT WOULD BE MANAGED COUNCIL OPTED TO ALLOW CITY PARKS AS A TRIAL PROGRAM ALLOWING CITY STAFF TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS, DETERMINE WHAT VARIETIES THEY WANT/ DISCOURAGE AND DETERMINE HOW MUCH WORK IT WAS. STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO LOOK INTO A PILOT PROGRAM AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS THIS AT A NEAR FUTURE MEETING.

4. WEBSITE UPDATE

STAFF DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF MAKING SUSTAINABILITY ITS OWN PRESENCE ON THE WEBSITE, SEPERATING IT FROM RECYCLING. THE GREEN LIGHT WAS GIVEN TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE SOME CHANGES WITHIN THE CURRENT SET UP. VIDEOS, PODCASTS, ETC WILL COME AT THE 2ND PHASE OF THE WEBSITE WORK ALLOWING MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS TO COME INTO THE WORKS. IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME, BUT IN THE END WILL SHOW ALL THE SUSTAINABLE WORK AND STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

GREEN EXPO BRAINSTORMING. DISPLAY OPTIONS AND EDUCATION OPORTUNITIES. MEMBERS ASKED STAFF TO LOOK INTO BOY/GIRL SCOUT OPTIONS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS OF SOME SORT WITHING THE EXPO. CHRIS BACKES ALSO PROVIDED STAFF WITH RESOURCES FOR B3 INFORMATION GATHERING FROM THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, STACY DEMMER OFFERED THE NAME OF A CO-WORKER THROUGH THE LHB ORGANIZATION.

7. ADJOURN

MOTION BY ED DEDMAN, SECONDED BY CHRISTY LAMOREAUX , TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted
Colleen Sinclair, Staff Liaison



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